

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3991

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FOR OIC/NSU FROM OIC/RTC

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ASEC, NSU  
SUBJECT: TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE-BU1 GROSS

REF: A) STATE 043662, B) HONGTKONG 2271, C) STATE 047678

1. AS CITED IN REFTEL (B) PARA 3 ACCOMODATIONS AND MEALS WILL EXCEED GROSS' TLA BY AN ESTIMATED US \$25 PER DAY. OTHER MEDIUM PRICED HOTELS IN IMMEDIATE AREA EITHER COST MORE, HAVE NO ACCOMODATIONS AT PRESENT, OR ARE UNACCEPTABLE FOR OTHER REASONS. LOCATING GROSS OUT OF IMMEDIATE AREA WILL ONLY COMPOUND PORBLEM OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUTING FOR ENTIRE FAMILY.

2. AN ALTERNATIVE TO REDUCING TLA EXPENDITURE WOULD BE TO PUT THE ENTRIE FAMILY IN ONE ROOM WITH ADDITIONAL FOLDING BEDS FOR CHILDREN. THIS IS CONSIDERED INADVISABLE BY BOTH CONSULATE AND OIC BECAUSE OF EXTRENELY CRAMPED SPACE AND SEXES OF CHILDREN. HOWEVER, IF GROSS IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THESE CONDITIONS ON A SHORT TERM BASIS THEN CONSULATE WILL CHANGE RESERVATIONS. WISH TO ADVISE THAT GROSS CANNOT ACCEPTABLY HOUSE HIS FAMILY EVEN WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT, FOR LESS THAN US\$ 55 PER DAY LESS ALL MEALS. WITH THESE ACCOMODATIONS HE CAN SUBSIST ON HIS AUTHORIZED TLA.

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3. RATHER THAN FUTHER ENGAGE CONSULATE, SERVICE MEMBER AND OIC IN A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS, SUGGEST THAT GROSS ARRIVE AS PLANNED ON MARCH 9. CONSULATE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE PREPARATION OF QUARTERS FOR EARLY OCCUPANCY. IT IS FELT THAT THE MINIMUM TIME AFFORDED FOR OVERLAP SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED ANY MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS.

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